

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
**MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION.**

HELD WITH  
**PINE BLUFF CHURCH,**

NEWTON COUNTY, MISS.,

September 14th, 15th, 16th, 1901.

OFFICERS.

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## STATE OF RELIGION

### AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES.

BELOVED BRETHREN OF THE ASSOCIATION: Again has September come, and again are we in session as a body; and this year with Pine Bluff church, Newton county.

Our reception was most cordial, and our support very abundant. The pastor, membership, and citizens not members, seemed to vie with each other in their efforts to make the session of the body pleasant, and profitable. The representation from the churches was nearly full; and judging from the letters, peace prevails in all the churches, with at least the usual growth by baptism. Two new churches were added, and one returned that had asked for a letter of dismission. All the churches have had preaching. Two young ministers have been ordained to the gospel ministry during the year. One able and faithful minister, Elder J. J. Ingram, has died. The preaching was considered to be Scriptural, able and instructive. Your committee is pressed to the conclusion that our dear old Association is in a healthy condition; that her churches are in peace; her ministry is sound, active, and laborious; her missionary zeal unabated. Standing here your committee feel that the churches may thank God, and take courage.

"On the Rock of Ages founded,  
Who can shake thy sure repose,  
By Salvation's walls surrounded  
Thou mayest smile at all thy foes."

Let us remember that Christ builds on the Rock, and makes it clear to us that if our works abide in wisdom we, too, must dig deep and lay the foundation on the Rock.

Let us be careful to guard against "new things" in religion. There are many things now connected with Christianity of doubtful propriety. There is "Lo here and lo there." To the Law and to the testimony should be our advancing cry, feeling assured that if they speak not according to that word it

is because there is no life in them. We have nothing to gain by new departures; but all to lose. Salvation by grace, regeneration by the Holy Spirit, justification by faith, and obedience as an evidence of faith, a converted membership, and perseverance to the end are fundamental with Baptists. Let us hold them to the end. Ever, ever baptism by immersion.

Submitted,

N. L. CLARKE, Chairman.



## PROCEEDINGS

—OF—

# Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association

IN ANNUAL SESSION FOR 1901.

SATURDAY--11 O'CLOCK.

PINE BLUFF BAPTIST CHURCH, }  
Newton County, Miss., Sept. 14, 1901 }

At 11 o'clock the introductory sermon was preached by Elder F. M. Breland, alternate for Elder L. B. Fancher who failed to meet his appointment. Text: Matthew XVI, 18, "Upon this rock I will build my church," etc. Theme—The Church, its perpetuity and mission in the world.

The sermon was able, sound, and instructive, and was well received by the large congregation present.

After preaching, an hour was spent in partaking of refreshments, which were abundant indeed and of the best quality.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

After singing the old song, "Convened from Different Parts, O Lord," prayer was offered, led by Elder J. M. Moore.

The Association was then convened by her venerable Moderator, Elder N. L. Clarke, who has so long and faithfully presided over her deliberations, in her sixty-fourth annual session.

The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

To Read Letters—J. M. Moore, W. B. Sansing, G. P. Clarke.  
Finance—A. J. Small, M. L. Hand, J. M. Lyles.

Letters from the churches were then called for and read, and delegates' names enrolled.

All the churches were represented either by letter or delegation except Bethel, Neshoba county; Bethany, Concord, Prairie Concord, and Golden Grove (Choctaw).

Elder W. L. Collins was appointed to preach at the stand at 3 o'clock.

Petitionary letters were then called for.

Letters from Oakridge and Liberty churches, both of Newton county, Miss., were presented and read, and on motion were received into the fellowship of the Association, the Moderator extending the hand in behalf of the body, the delegates seated, and their names enrolled.

Officers for the ensuing year were then elected.

On motion, agreed to elect by acclamation.

Elder N. L. Clarke re-elected Moderator.

Jas. E. Chapman re-elected Clerk.

J. E. Graham re-elected Treasurer.

On motion visiting brethren were invited to seats with the body.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations.

The following brethren were received from their Associations and the hand of welcome extended to them by the Moderator:

Oktibeha—T. A. Florence.

Hopewell—E. M. Hunt.

The following committees were then appointed by the chair:

On Preaching—Pastor and deacons of Pine Bluff church, R. L. Simmons and L. S. James.

State of Religion, and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches—J. W. Arnold, Joe Rushing, T. C. Florence, H. Bruce, J. M. Cooper, T. A. Florence, J. M. Moore, E. M. Hunt. On motion the Moderator was added as chairman.

Missions—R. K. Cleveland, F. M. Breland, B. W. Rainer, A. N. Morgan, J. C. Russell.

Temperance—Jas. E. Chapman, Wm. Yarbrough, J. E. Graham, A. P. Wash, C. L. Biggs.

Sunday Schools—J. E. Graham, W. L. Collins, Wm. Graham, G. B. Williams.

Queries and Requests—J. A. Johnston, W. W. Hall, J. W. Arnold, T. L. Gaines, D. M. Stroud.

Publications—J. M. Moore, T. J. Rhodes, J. Nelson, Wm. Graham, Andrew Armstrong.

Nominations—R. L. Simmons, D. T. Chapman, T. J. Bounds, M. L. Hand, J. D. McCord, W. W. Lewis.

Education—W. B. Sansing, Andrew Armstrong, A. J. Small, A. G. Graham.

Orphanage—G. P. Clarke, J. E. Chapman, W. J. Bruner, J. M. Chipman, G. W. Brantley.

On motion, the following special committees were appointed:

Obituaries—J. A. Johnston, F. M. Breland, R. K. Cleveland.

On Death of President McKinley—R. L. Simmons, D. T. Chapman, J. E. Chapman, M. L. Hand, Wm. Graham.

On motion, the Moderator was added and made chairman.

On motion, agreed to take up collection for missions at the close of Sabbath services at 11, and for orphanage in the afternoon.

Preaching committee made the following report: On Sunday, Elders J. A. Johnston at stand at 11 o'clock as per appointment, J. M. Moore in the house; J. W. Arnold at stand at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and W. P. Vaughn at the house. J. M. Miller at Midway Saturday night. R. K. Cleveland Monday at 11 o'clock. T. J. Rhodes to conduct prayer meeting at the stand at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Adjourned in usual order to meet Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Prayer was then offered by Elder J. A. Johnston.

### LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

The congregation began to assemble at an early hour, and when the hour for services arrived a large and orderly assembly had gathered.

Prayer meeting was held at the stand, conducted by Elder T. J. Rhodes.

At 11 o'clock Elder J. A. Johnston, the appointee, preached the annual sermon on Missions. Text: Isaiah XLVIII, 17-18. "I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldst go. O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments," etc.

Elder J. M. Moore preached in the house at the same hour. Text: John XX, 21. "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you into the world."

Both sermons were sound, and instructive, and were delivered with much faithfulness, and were well received.

Amounts collected for missions, \$33.15; 'orphans' home, \$8.60.

Elders J. W. Arnold and W. P. Vaughn preached in the afternoon at the stand and house in above named order. The preaching was all able and sound, and we feel much good was done in the name of the Master.

Refreshments were served, with abundance for all.

### MONDAY MORNING.

The Association was reconvened at 8:30 o'clock in accordance with adjournment on Saturday.

After song service, prayer was offered, led by Elder W. B. Sansing.

The roll was called and absentees excused.

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Renewed call for letters from churches not represented, when a letter was presented and read from Poplar church.

Renewed call for correspondence—none.

By direction of the Moderator, the Clerk read the Objects and Powers, and Rules of Decorum of the Association.

On motion, speeches were limited to five minutes on all reports, except Missions.

Returned correspondence to sister Associations:

Harmony—

Salem—J. D. McCord.

New Liberty—D. M. Stroud.

Pearl Valley—F. M. Breland.

Oktibeha—T. J. Rhodes, N. L. Clarke, Jesse Nelson, J. M. Moore, W. B. Sansing, A. F. Lindley.

Choctaw—W. B. Sansing.

On Motion opened correspondence with the Hopewell—H. Bruce, W. J. Bruner, D. M. Stroud, A. J. Small, E. N. Robinson.

Messengers, by motion, were instructed to write their own letters of correspondence.

The following named brethren were then appointed as delegates to represent this body in the General Association of Mississippi: N. L. Clarke, J. A. Johnston, H. Bruce, W. J. Bruner, A. F. Lindley, B. W. Rainer, J. W. Arnold, L. F. Simmons, W. P. Vaughn, T. C. Florence, Wm. Graham, D. T. Chapman, T. J. Rhodes, J. E. Chapman, Wm. Yarbrough, J. M. Moore, J. M. Lyles, R. L. Simmons, E. N. Robinson, Monroe May, W. H. Rainer, G. F. Williams, W. M. Thomas, M. L. Hand, J. M. Miller, J. D. McCord, J. M. Williams, Eugene Sansing, S. S. Johnson.

Reports of committees were then called for, read, and adopted.

Queries and Requests—Report was read by J. A. Johnston. Discussed by J. A. Johnston and others and adopted. Appendix A.

Publications—Report was read by J. M. Moore. Remarks by J. E. Chapman, W. P. Vaughn, N. L. Clarke, A. F. Lindley and others and adopted. Appendix B.

On motion, Elders J. A. Johnston and J. M. Moore be requested to furnish their sermons on Missions for publications in the Mississippi Baptist.

Nominations—Report read by R. L. Simmons and unanimously adopted. Appendix C.

State of Religion, etc.—Report read by G. P. Clarke and on motion adopted. First page.

Missions—The report was read by R. K. Cleveland. Discussed by J. A. Johnston and on motion was deferred until afternoon for further discussion.



— Sunday Schools—Report read by J. E. Graham. Remarks by J. E. Graham, R. L. Simmons, H. Bruce and others. Adopted. Appendix E.

— Education—The report was read by W. B. Sansing. Discussed by J. E. Chapman, J. A. Johnston, T. J. Rhodes, A. P. Wash, T. J. Bounds, E. N. Robinson, R. L. Simmons and others. Adopted. Appendix F.

Adjourned one hour for refreshments which were abundant indeed.

### MONDAY AFTERNOON.

After refreshments the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The report on Missions was taken up, and discussed further by H. Bruce, R. L. Simmons, J. M. Miller, J. M. Moore and others and adopted. Appendix G.

— Temperance—The report was read by J. E. Chapman. Discussed by H. Bruce and J. E. Chapman and adopted. Appendix H.

— Orphanage—Report read by G. P. Clarke and unanimously adopted. Appendix I.

— Finance—Report read by A. J. Small and adopted. Appendix J.

On Death of President McKinley—Report read by G. P. Clarke. Discussed by N. L. Clarke and unanimously adopted.

On motion, request its publication in Mississippi Baptist, and ask other papers who will, to copy. Appendix K.

— Obituaries—The report was read by J. A. Johnston and adopted. Appendix L.

The reports of committees being completed, other business was called for, when the following resolutions were adopted:

### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved 1st. That the Abstracts of Faith, Gospel Order, Objects and Powers, and Rules of Decorum of this Association be published in the minutes and this resolution be made permanent for the future.

2nd. That the pastors and delegates of this Association be requested to bring the subject of Missions before the churches, and urge them to represent themselves by delegation and funds in the General Association.

3rd. That our messengers to the Oktibeha and Pearl Valley Associations be requested to use their influence to induce said Associations to unite with us in mission work in the General Association.

*Christ puts it first  
Paul puts it the Gospel  
above baptism*

MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

4th. That the Clerk have a sufficient number of blank letters prepared, and send to the churches for their use to the Association; giving full statistics both as to membership and finances.

5th. That the Clerk be instructed to have the minutes of this meeting printed where he can get them the most neatly and promptly done, paying for the same when so done, and he approves the work, and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the Treasurer for his usual salary, \$20, printer's fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for correspondence.

6th. All funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, after all expenses have been met, shall be sent up to the General Association for Missions.

7th. That we most heartily tender our sincere thanks to the Pine Bluff church, and surrounding community at large, for their kind and generous entertainment of this Association during this session.

8th. That we heartily endorse the work of the General Association, and of the Board meeting near Hickory in September, and unite with the Board in inviting the co-operation of the Baptists to advance the Indian work at that time.

9th. That we now adjourn to meet with Sardis Church, Scott county, Miss., on Saturday before the third Lord's Day in September, 1902. Elder N. L. Clarke is to preach the next introductory sermon, with Elder W. H. Rainer as his alternate. Jas. E. Chapman the sermon on Missions, and Elder L. B. Fancher as his alternate.

After singing, prayer was offered by Jas. E. Chapman; thus closing a pleasant and harmonious session of Mt. Pisgah Association.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

JAS. E. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

## APPENDICES.

### Queries and Requests—A.

We, your Committee on Queries and Requests, beg leave to make the following report: We find no queries. We find the following churches request the next session of this body to be held with them, to wit: Rock Branch, County Line, Pleasant Hill, Decatur and Sardis. We recommend Sardis as the place for the next meeting of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

### Publications—B.

Your Committee on Publications make the following report: We consider the Mississippi Baptist, published by our venerable brother, Elder N. L. Clarke, as a necessity for our work in the General Association. We recommend it as sound in the faith of the gospel and worthy of the support of our people, and urge them to read and pay for it, and increase its circulation and usefulness. For Sunday Schools we recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention. There are also many other sound Baptist papers well worthy of the support of our people, such as the Baptist Standard of Texas, the Western Recorder, and the Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss.

We recommend that our people keep posted in our foreign mission work by taking and reading the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va.

Submitted,

J. M. MOORE, Chairman.

### Nominations—C.

We, your committee, would submit the following report: Elder N. L. Clarke to preach the next introductory sermon on Saturday, with Elder W. H. Rainer as alternate. Elder Jas. E. Chapman to preach the annual sermon on Missions on Sunday, with Elder L. B. Fancher as his alternate.

R. L. SIMMONS, Chairman.

### Sunday Schools—E.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, would make the following report: That we deplore the indifference of our people in maintaining and keeping up Sunday Schools in our churches. We would advise, and urge our ministers to admonish the older members of our churches, of the necessity of giving the Sunday School their personal presence, as we think their absence is one of the greatest impediments to the Sunday School work. We would further recommend the organization of Sunday Schools in all of our churches, and communities where our people worship; for we are taught in the sacred word of God that it is our absolute duty to raise our children up in the way they should go. We believe the Sunday School to be the next best place to the parental fireside of training up our children in the fear of the Lord.

We would recommend that all of our schools use the literature published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn.

Submitted,

J. E. GRAHAM, Chairman.

### Education—F.

We, your committee, report the following: Education is the stepping stone to civilization. No nation, or tribe of people without a written language can be civilized, and only through education can it be obtained. It is impossible to Christianize a people that are uncivilized. Civilization is the stepping stone to sociality, morality and Christianity. We must first educate our children that their minds may be strengthened in order that they may understand the relation they bear to each other, and to God. As we come into the world, our minds are perfectly blank, and it takes education of some kind to develop them, and they can never be fully developed, only through a literary education. The tendency of education is, to brighten, refine, and ennoble the people. It causes the mind to expand, aspire, and emulate. Ignorance causes us to retrograde; education causes us to advance. The uneducated person is deprived of the comforts, and advantages that justly belong to him, and which he could have by taking advantage of the opportunities offered him to educate. Education arouses us to a sense of duty, and duty causes an honest person to exert himself for the uplifting of his fellow men. Education is the key that unlocks the great receptacle of God's works and revelation. If education is capable of beginning these accomplishments, it is also capable of perfecting them. The mind like the body, must be nourished by pure, and unadulterated food; and so long as the mind is nourished by proper food, we need not fear of gorging it. In every avocation of life it is education to enable a person to successfully cope with his opponents. Parents should be more careful, and liberal in the education of their children, that they may be prepared to more successfully fight the battles of life. After the common school studies have been mastered, and a higher education is desired, we recommend Hibernia College for girls, and Mississippi College for boys, both located at Clinton, Miss. If the above statements be true concerning temporal affairs, are they not true concerning spiritual things?

In view of the above statements, we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this body request the pastors of the churches constituting this Association to advocate the importance of ministerial education; and that contributions be taken, and sent up to this body for the above named purpose.

W. B. SANSING, Chairman.

A. J. SMALL.

A. G. GRAHAM.

### Missions—G.

The Committee on Missions would make the following report: The command to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" has never been revoked. Hence as the servants of God it is binding on us today, for "The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth," and that "It hath pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." We believe this to be one of the greatest and most important works committed to the church of the Lord Jesus. We need to study God's word, and know our duty, and purpose to give commensurate with our prosperity. If we do this, God's will in Christ will be accomplished, and all of the benighted nations of the earth will hear of the "joys of salvation." Are missions a failure? They are not. We have unmistakable evidences in our state under the labors of our missionaries in southeast Mississippi, and among the Choctaw people, who only a few years ago were in darkness, but many of them now are rejoicing in a Savior's love. In the foreign fields wherever the missionary has gone,



God has blessed the work and many are calling upon the name of the Lord. Therefore, brethren of the church, let us give that we may have God's love, for "He loveth a cheerful giver." Giving does not make one a lover of God, but being a lover of Him, necessarily makes one a giver.

R. K. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

### Temperance—H.

Your committee report the following: This is a question that has attracted a world wide reputation, and we are glad to note that it is constantly gaining in favor with the people. These facts we gather, because there are fewer places in our country where it is sold, licensed by law. No Christian can afford to favor so soul destroying a traffic. While the "blind tiger" is still in our country, yet the evils from them are not near so great as from open saloons. It is sometimes said by professing Christians "that the saloon is the lesser of the two evils." Never, never, never. We have only to compare our country now, and a few years ago, and see the wonderful improvements in sobriety, and morals in general, to disprove the statement. It is a sad fact that we have Baptists who give their support to the whiskey traffic by patronizing blind tigers, and supporting the "jug trade." Shame! Shame! on any Christian who gives support to such a God dishonoring cause. We call upon our people, not only to abstain from such things, but to give their aid to our officers in suppressing it in our midst.

JAS. E. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

### Orphanage—I.

We, your Committee on the Baptist Orphanage, ask leave to report the following: We take great pleasure in calling attention to this charitable institution, which is located at Jackson, Miss. We note with satisfaction the good work done by Bro. Foster, and his talented lady. It will be seen from the catalogue of the Orphanage that they have been enabled to extend and enlarge their facilities for caring for the destitute orphans, who from time to time are placed under their charge. All this we note with pleasure, and recommend that all who are able to do so, should contribute to its support, to the extent of their ability, and that all pray God's blessings on the work.

GEO. P. CLARKE, Chairman.

### Finance—J.

Your committee submit the following: We have examined the Treasurer's report, and find that he received at the Association last year, and amount on hand from other sources.

Disbursements.....	\$148 63
Now on hand.....	146 18
Received at this meeting, Association fund.....	\$ 2 45
Collected on Lord's Day for Missions.....	111 50
Orphanage.....	33 15
For Indian meeting.....	8 60
Total.....	4 65
	\$160 35

A. J. SMALL, Chairman.

M. L. HAND.

J. M. LYLES.

### Death of President McKinley—K.

We, your committee, appointed to give an expression of the sense of this body, in view of the recent assassination of President McKinley, report the following:

1st. That we learn with great sorrow and just indignation of the assassination, by violence, of the Hon. Wm. McKinley, President of the United States, which said event occurred recently in the city of Buffalo, New York.

2nd. That in the death of President McKinley our country has sustained the loss of a valuable citizen, an able statesman and a faithful officer of our government, and the infliction of a great national calamity.

3rd. That we further state that we deeply deplore our loss, and express sympathy with the family of the bereaved.

4th. That in view of the frequency of these attacks on our citizens, and the loss thereby sustained, we urge our public men, statesmen, and rulers to frame and execute such laws as will, in the future, protect the lives and property of our citizens and banish such anarchism from our beloved country.

5th. That these resolutions be published in the minutes of the body, and in the Mississippi Baptist.

N. L. CLARKE, Chairman.

R. L. SIMMONS

D. T. CHAPMAN

J. E. CHAPMAN

WM. GRAHAM.

### Obituaries—L.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report: With sad hearts we mention the fact, that the black angel of death has visited our midst since last we met, and called from our sight our dear, and much beloved brother, Elder J. J. Ingram. He was born in Anson county, N.C., but came to Mississippi in early life; settling in Neshoba county. In the year 1873 he professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and joined the Hickory Springs Baptist church. He was licensed to preach in June, 1883, and was ordained to the full work of the ministry by Linwood church, May 2, 1884, Elders S. J. Tullos, and G. W. Breland composing the presbytery. He faithfully and ably served quite a number of the churches in our midst, during his ministry. He died in the full triumphs of a living faith, Nov. 18, 1900. We feel that while we are assembled on earth he is at home with God. We bow in humble submission to the will of God, but say, "Surely a good man is gone."

We also mention W. B. Monroe, of Bethel, Newton county, and Ollie Breland, of Mt. Sinai, both useful members of their churches.

J. A. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

N. L. Clarke	Newton	W. B. Sansing	Jewel
R. K. Cleveland	Union	S. D. Chesney	House
Jas E Chapman	Newton	J. W. Arnold	Stamper
L. B. Fancher	House	J. M. Moore	Jewel
H. Bruce	Keenan	H. O. White	Riversville
E. N. Robinson	Lawrence	T. M. Gould	Lake
W. J. Bruner	Newton	Wm. Yarbrough	Newton
D. W. Stroud	Lake	Joe Rushing	Malco
J. H. Satterfield	Chunkey	J. A. Johnston	Waldo
W. H. Rainer	Moores Mill	T. J. Rhodes	Doolittle
F. M. Breland	Dixon	B. W. Rainer	Moores Mill
W. P. Vaughn	Chunkey	J. M. Miller	Conehatta
W. A. Coker	Baxter	W. L. Collins	Union
Jesse Nelson	Jewel	Seborn Smith (Choctaw)	Engine

## LICENTIATES.

W. H. Willis	Prospect	John Rushing	Malco
G. G. Rainer	Moores Mill	J. E. Giles	Chunkey
W. Savell	Dixon	Andrew Edmunds	Jewel
W. B. Hammond	Newton	T. C. Florence	Decatur

## ABSTRACT OF FAITH--Preamble.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity: in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, and that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the gospel is made effectual by the operation of the

Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

### GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His Church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is a duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

### OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters when solicited, and, in general to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.



4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own By-Laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

### RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Association year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association and until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundred—three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order of the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

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Bethel...  
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Bethany...  
Beulah...  
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County...  
Concord...  
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Pine I...  
Pine I...  
Poplar...  
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Rock...  
Salem...  
Sulph...  
Sand...  
Sardis...  
Stamp...  
Union...  
Union...  
Wood...  
Liber...  
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# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE	NAMES OF DELGATES -1901.
Bethel.....	Newton	Newton	R L Simmons, J M Lyles, J E Chapmat.
Bethel.....	Neshoba	House	
Bethany.....	Neshoba	Franks	
Beulah.....	Newton	Roscoe	J L Harrison, Wm Graham, J E Graham
Beulah.....	Scott	Lillian	By Letter
County Line.....	Neshoba	Union	Jesse Nelson, W B Sansing
Concord.....	Jasper	Garlandville	
Cross Roads.....	Newton	Kennas	M Russell, T T Tillman
Centre Ridge.....	Newton	Moore's Mill	B W Rainer, G R Jones
Chunky.....	Newton	Chunky	T L Dias, W F Buckley
Decatur.....	Newton	Decatur	H Bruce, T L Gaines, G P Clarke
De Cedar.....	Jasper	Success	W L Harder
Dixon.....	Neshoba	Dixon	J M Cooper, R L White
Enon.....	Neshoba	Engine	W J Bates, J W Flalock
Ebenezer.....	Newton	Lawrence	T J Bounds, E N Robinson
Ebenezer.....	Neshoba	Beech Springs	A G Graham
Ephesus.....	Scott	Forest	Hiram Nickless, J A Gardner
Good Hope.....	Newton	Hickory	S M Biggs, S S Tisdale
Good Hope.....	Scott	Lake	D M Stroud, D P Ott
Hickory.....	Newton	Hickory	S S Johnson
Hebron.....	Newton	Riversville	C Motley, W F Laird
Hope well.....	Newton	Roscoe	I A Blackwell, W H Harrison
Lake.....	Scott	Lake	A N Morgan
Mt. Sinai.....	Neshoba	Dixon	F M Breland, N E Herrington
Midway.....	Newton	Newton	T J Rhodes, C R Russell
Mt. Vernon.....	Newton	Hero	D Nicholson, A Pierce
Mt. Pleasant.....	Newton	Chunky	A H Armstrong, R A Armstrong
New Prospect.....	Newton	Prospect	J G Savale, R D Brown
New Hope.....	Neshoba	Centralia	J M Chipman, Arthur Smith
Newton.....	Scott	Lake	Samuel Stringer, C C Duckworth
New Providence.....	Newton	Newton	N L Clarke, M L Hand
New Ireland.....	Newton	Chunky	A F Lindley, W P Vaughn
Oakland.....	Newton	Union	J G Gordon
Oak Hills.....	Newton	Moore's Mill	C L Biggs
Pleasant Hill.....	Newton	Conehatta	Thomas Butts, Charley Taylor
Pickney.....	Newton	Stamper	A J Small, A J Pace
Poplar Springs.....	Newton	Newton	J W Arnold, T W Carr
Prairie Concord.....	Newton	Newton	W J Bruner, W W Hall, L F Simmons
Pine Bluff.....	Newton	Lake	N P Wash, H G Ledlow
Pine Ridge.....	Newton	Cooksey	G F Williams, G M May
Poplar.....	Newton	Baxter	By Letter
Randal Hill.....	Jasper	Union	T E Wilson, J D McCord
Rock Branch.....	Newton	Gail	R K Cleveland, W L Collins
Salem.....	Scott	Hays	W W Lewis, Lee Graham
Sulphur Springs.....	Scott	Hickory	R U McDill, Charley Edwards
Sand Springs.....	Newton	Sebastopol	T C Florence, J M Williams
Sardis.....	Scott	Stamper	G W Brantley, S M Warren
Stamper.....	Newton	Union	W H Chipman, B W Russell
Union.....	Newton	Harperville	J M Moore, L S James
Union.....	Scott	Waldo	Joe Rushing, E P Wallace
Woodland.....	Neshoba	Wickware	J A Johnston
Liberty.....	Newton	Engine	Hardy Bruner, R B Lay
Golden Grove.....	Neshoba		

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CHURCHES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Males	Females	Colored	Total	No. Minutes	Associational Fund	Time of Meeting	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	PASTORS
Bethel	11	2		12		1	44	61	105	30	\$3.00	2	1	Jas E Chapman		
Bethel							5	15		20	8					L B Fancher
Bethany							9	11		20	10					
Bethany	1	3		1			56	89	145	40	4.00	4	1	R K Cleveland		
Bethany							1	6		7	5					T M Gould
County Line	12	1		3	1	1	39	57		96	25	2.50	1			G W Breland
Concord										22	6					
Cross Roads	2			9			21	22		43	15	1.50	4			J M Moore
Center Ridge	1			1	1	1	21	23		44	10	4.00	2	2		W H Rainer
Chunkey	4	5		9			26	38		64	15	2.55	2	1		J W Ellis
Decatur	4	3		7			62	83		145	50	4.00	2	1		N L Clarke
De Cedar							17	19		36	10	1.10	1			
Dixon	4	4		12			13	11		24	12	1.25	2			J M Moore
Enon	9	7		1	1	1	32	52		84	40	4.00	3	1		G W Breland
Ebenezer		1		2	1	1	17	44		61	15	1.50	3	1		Wm Yarbrough
Ebenezer							14	12		26	15	1.50	2			J A Johnston
Ephesus							21	34		58	15	1.50	1			Joe Rushing
Good Hope	1			2	1	1	15	16		31	15	1.50	2			W P Vaughn
Good Hope	4	5		6			13	21		34	10	1.00	3	1		J M Miller
Hickory	4						32	40		72	24	2.50	3			J E Chapman
Hebron	3			8			28	29		57	20	2.00	2			R K Cleveland
Hopewell	4	6		5			27	31		58	30	2.50	1			H O White
Lake	3			3			9	21		30	12	1.20	1	1		J R Hobbs
Mt. Sinai							29	49		78	28	3.15	3	1		F M Breland
Midway							9	17		26	20	2.00	3	1		N L Clarke
Mt. Vernon	12	6	1				41	63		104	50	3.00	1			W P Vaughn
Mt. Pleasant				4	1		20	47		67	15	1.50	2			J W Ellis
New Prospect	1						12	31		43	15	1.50	2			E W Ireland
New Hope	11	5	3	5	1	2	36	67		123	30	3.00	4	1		F M Breland
New Hope	1						22	21		43	15	1.50	2			Wm Yarbrough
Newton	3	4		5			31	37		68	25	2.50	4	1		N L Clarke
New Providence	1			1			20	19		39	12	1.20	3	2		W P Vaughn
New Ireland							27	19		46	20	2.00	2			J W Arnold
Oakland	2	3		2			27	34		61	15	1.50	1			J W Arnold
Pine Ridge							6	7		13	10	1.00	2			W L Collins
Pleasant Hill	9	2		8			43	64		107	30	3.00	1	1		J E Chapman
Pineckey				1			10	12		22	15	1.50	4	1		J W Arnold
Poplar Springs	10	1					43	94		137	30	3.00	2	2		J M Miller
Prairie Concord							32	48		80	35	3.50	1			Wm Yarbrough
Pine Bluff	3	2		10		1	18	23		42	15	1.50	4	1		Wm Yarbrough
Pine Ridge	2	8		7			16	25		41	20	2.00	3	1		J W Arnold
Poplar	1	1		1	1	1	15	23		38	10	1.50	4	1		N L Carlisle
Randall Hill				1			29	41		70	20	2.00	3	2		R K Cleveland
Rock Branch	1	1		8			12	21		33	15	1.75	4	1		J E Chapman
Salem	1	1		5	2	1	12	21		33	15	1.75	4	1		H Bruce
Sulphur Springs	4			2			31	36		67	20	2.00	3			J E Chapman
Sand Springs		5		2			40	54		94	30	3.00	1	1		H Bruce
Sardis	6	3		4			27	32		59	15	1.50	1			E W Breland
Stamper	2	3		6	3	1	12	18		30	15	1.50	3			J M Moore
Union	4	7		14			18	23		41	20	2.00	1	1		J M Moore
Union	1			5			17	23		40	15	2.50	2	1		W S Ford
Woodland	1			1	3		10	12		22	12	1.00	4	1		J A Johnston
Golden Grove							2	3		5	5					Seaborn Smith
Liberty	11	11					26	31		57	15	1.50	2			J E Chapman
Totals	186	112	15	162	13	27	1216	1719	4	2887	1005	298	75	28	8	

Last year's statistics

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## PASTORS.

E Chapin...  
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